

Bloomfield Record.

THOUGHT.

The most deadly things that the world has ever known or seen are not the Neros or the death bearing potions of a Borges, but the subtle, insinuating essences of impure thought; the diabolical lesson of error, spread with bountiful hand over the pages which it graced by its charm; and under the shadow of which it concealed its venom. Words are not dead things which one may cast hither, and fling, with impunity: they are not mere airy nothing to be thrown upon community without a scruple. They are dreadful weapons, not such, it is true, as men use in warfare, made of wood edged with iron or steel; but almost as efficient in the hands of an adept. The written or spoken utterances of men are not, as is sometimes supposed, like clouds passing hastily over the fair green earth leaving no trace; rippling waves on the sea of the mind, surviving only in transient bubbles.

Man's thoughts, save his immortal nature, are the most living things about him, and those thoughts when clearly expressed often live forever; they are handed down from generation to generation, and become a part of man. They are never idle; through the still hours of night, while their author enjoys natural sweet rest, baby sleep; they are at work, and they work on long after he has passed away to sleep, "in peace." Their activity is not subject to decrepitude or fatigue; the impressions which they make, delicate perhaps as the ripple-marks on the sea shore, have their effect upon the destiny of mankind; pass down into the strata of character, and become gravels as with a point of diamond or a pen of iron, on the rock forever. The absurd theory of Darwin will always find supporters, and his obnoxious ideas pass along the line of ages in company with many equals.

The philosophy of Herbert Spencer, teeming with errors gained from every accessible channel, must run its course through the minds of men in the same manner. As impalpable as the air we breathe, the good and evil thoughts of great men fly through the ages, bearing on their expansive wings health or pestilence.

Like the slow fire of the volcano, they may spread until they undie the whole social fabric. The master mind, by the judicious use of thought, can do more towards elevating or debasing a nation than any army of soldiers. Stories strange and weird as the legends of Charlemagne, or the wonderful Arabian fancies are told of the power of words. Herodotus influenced the youthful Thucydides by his eloquent composition and incited him to the accomplishment of one of the finest histories ever written by man. The grand thoughts of Sir William Wallace gave birth to Scotland's greatest poet, Robert Burns. The gloomy atmosphere of an old musty bookstore gave a cast to the noble mind of poor Hood.

The inimitable, heroic measures of Homer formed and moulded the ambitious character of Alexander. Again let us turn to the thoughts of holy men; how great is the power of that truth which turns men from the world to God. Thomas a Kempis falls into the hands of John Newton and his whole life is suddenly and sublimely changed. As underground streams, taking their course in some mountain top, flow for many miles unseen at length reappear, still holding their course with undiminished volume. In like manner streams of influence, though for years unseen, at last, when least expected, and in the most peculiar places appear hewing their way through the rocks of time, or watering the broad garden till it smiles in an Eden bloom.

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If, then, thoughts are more powerful than engines, sway with bad ones; let all such be supplanted by noble sentiments. Men will read. Words, ideas of some kind must circulate, and become the speech of millions. Let the friends of truth marshal their forces against error and vice. The victory will surely be theirs, and society will be their debtor forever.

Billiard Balls.

A billiard player, who is dissatisfied with ivory balls, makes an English paper a suggestion which may be worth the attention of inventors. He says:

Every one who plays at billiards knows that occasionally the balls do not run true. They are made of ivory, and even when quite new the ivory is not of equal density throughout; and when they are old the external portion is much more dry than the internal, consequently the difference is greater, and the balls, especially when going gently, swerve from a direct course, the specific gravity of the different parts of the mass being different. It has often occurred to me that much better and truer balls might be made of either glass or steel. The weight might be made the same as those of ivory by having a hollow in the middle of the ball. It is well known that a hollow sphere runs more evenly and truly than a solid one. The specific gravity of ivory is to that of glass as 3 to 4, to that of steel as 3 to 13. The hollow in a steel ball would thus be greater than in a glass one and it would therefore be the truest, and the elasticity in either case would be greater than ivory. It appears to me, therefore, that either steel or glass would be superior to ivory for the purpose, and I wonder whether it has ever occurred to any one to try these materials. I do not think that glass of the toughest kind would be more liable to chip than ivory, and steel would be much less so. There is another point to be considered—the expense, and this I am convinced would be much less in either case. The experiment is worth a trial as elephants are getting scarce, and may be applied to better purposes than billiard balls.

"There is no knowing what may turn up," especially in a horse-hair sofa. In a small attic, a tailor who had died some days ago in the greatest poverty and misery. The widow could not earn enough to support herself and her children, and was obliged to sell her furniture bit by bit to supply their needs. In her geometric old sofa, which had been given to her at her marriage by a son long since dead. At length even this valiant heirloom had to go to the broker's. Two porters accordingly attempted to remove the sofa, but were unable to do so. The broker, who naturally feared that his bargain was studded with stone instead of horse-hair, insisted on immediate investigation. To the surprise of all persons, removal of a thick coating of the latter material brought to light about forty muskets, of the existence of which the owner of the sofa had no idea. Each musket was wrapped in a poster containing an invitation to join the students' legion, and bearing the date "October 14, 1848." An animated controversy is now in progress between the broker and the tailor's widow regarding the ownership of the property thus unexpectedly discovered.

It is stated by a chemist that apples contain a large amount of phosphorus or brain food than any other fruit or vegetable; and on this account they are very important to sedentary men who work their brains rather than their muscles. They also contain the acids which are needed especially for sedentary men, the action of whose lives is sluggish, to eliminate effete matter, which, if retained in the system, produce inaction of the brain, and, indeed, of the whole system, causing jaundice, sleepiness, surcy, and troublesome diseases of the skin.

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Nov. 20th, 1872.

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